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SUBJECT: BIOT AND SEYCHELLES CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

1. SEYCHELLES LEADERS JAMES MANCHAM AND ALBERT RENE ARRIVE LONDON THIS WEEKEND AND WILL BEGIN INFORMAL CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS IN WHITEHALL JANUARY 14. FULL DRESS CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE BEGINS JANUARY 19.

2. THE BRITISH URGENTLY NEED OUR LONG-PROMISED ANSWER ON THE ISSUE WHETHER THE BIOT ISLANDS OF FARQUHAR, ALDABRA, AND DEROCHES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SEYCHELLES ON INDEPENDENCE IN EXCHANGE FOR GUARANTEES CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE USE, GUARANTEES WHICH MIGHT EXTEND TO THE ARCHIPELAGO AS A WHOLE. NEGOTIATING SUCH A QUID PRO QUO WITH THE SEYCHELLOIS WILL BE SEVERELY HAMPERED IF BRITISH DO NOT HAVE US AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE THIS WEEKEND.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USG DECISION ASAP.

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